

WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Fact Sheet

DISSOLUTION OF FUNDS

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SUMMARY:

At its August 2021 meeting, the Management Audit Committee requested a bill draft to remove statutory requirements for various funds based on testimony provided by the State Auditor's Office.

- W.S. §9-4-212 states "no existing *statutory* fund shall be discontinued or abolished without the approval of the legislature."
- The Legislative Service Office (LSO) was given a total of 15 funds from the State Auditor's Office to research for whether statutory changes were required to delete the fund.
- LSO identified 4 funds requiring statutory changes from the list provided by the State Auditor's Office: Special Fuel System fund, Once Cent Gas Tax fund, Institutional Land Revenue DFS fund, Institutional Land Revenue Corrections fund.
- During research, LSO identified a third institutional land revenue fund that would be affected by the amendment presented in the bill draft: Institutional Land Revenue Health.
- LSO did not identify any statutory requirements for the remaining 11 accounts.
- The balances for the five funds as of 1/5/2022 are:

Fund	Name	Department	Cash Balance as of 1/5/2022	Applicable Statute
461	Special Fuel Sys	045	-	W.S. § 39-17-111
468	Once Cent Gas Tax	045	-	W.S. § 39-17-211
648	Institutional Land Revenue – Health	060	\$449,752.83	SL 2013, CH 155
649	Institutional Land Revenue – DFS	060	-	SL 2013, CH 155
680	Institutional Land Revenue –	060	\$1,700,130.58	SL 2013, CH155
	Corrections			

The proposed statutory changes in 22LSO-0154 - Removing statutory requirements for the separate accounting of funds will remove statutory language requiring the separate accounting of funds. The removal of this language will allow the State Auditor's Office to dissolve or consolidate the relevant funds.

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